



HOW TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Public Hearing – Planning Commission and City Council

WHEN IS A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT REQUIRED?

A General Plan Amendment is required to alter the General Plan Map land use designation or policies. The General Plan is a long-term comprehensive plan for community development adopted by City Council. It is the basis for determining acceptable land uses and related park, road and other infrastructure needs. Zoning designations and development proposals are to be consistent with the policies and land use designations of the General Plan.

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

The General Plan is an official document adopted by the City Council as a policy guide for making decisions concerning the development of the community according to desired goals. The General Plan is a comprehensive long-range plan that guides, evaluates, and coordinates the development and revitalization of the community. It is general in nature where policies and proposals are summarized rather than being presented in detail in order to form a general understanding of policy interrelationships.

The State recognizes the need to amend the General Plan to reflect new conditions or information. State law limits the consideration of General Plan amendments to four times per year as general plans are also relied upon for State and regional planning.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The initial deposit for a General Plan Amendment is a \$15,000 deposit to be used for cost of staff review time and materials (no maximum), billed on a monthly basis [See Planning [Fee Schedule](#)].

WHAT MATERIALS DO I SUBMIT?

General Plan amendments are usually associated with a proposed development. And would require submittal of a development plans. Refer to the “[Development Application Instructions and Checklist](#)” available in the Permit Center or on the City of Hayward website within the Development Services Department which can be found by clicking on “DEPARTMENTS” on the left-hand side of the City’s home page at www.hayward-ca.gov.

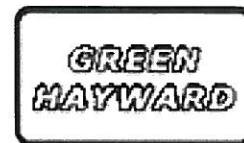
All applicants should consult with a Planner to determine which of these submittal requirements will be applicable for the specific project you are submitting, some of the requirements may not be necessary.

HOW LONG DOES THE APPROVAL LAST?

There is no expiration for alterations to the General Plan map land use designation or policies within the General Plan.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION

All new construction must meet the City’s Green Building Ordinance and Bay-Friendly Landscaping requirements. These ordinances can be found by clicking on the “Green Hayward” icon (shown below) located on the left-hand side of the City’s home page at www.hayward-ca.gov.

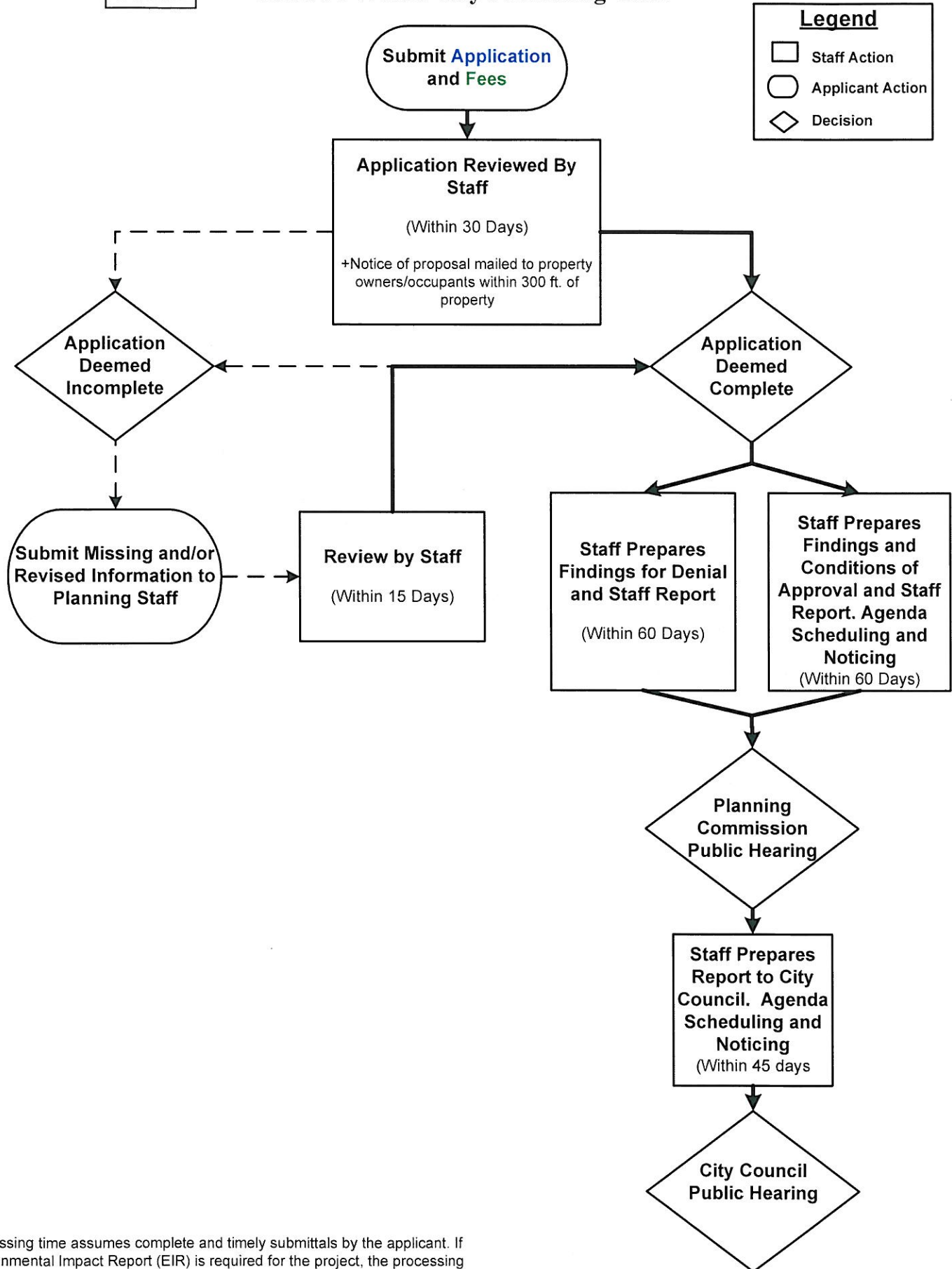




City of Hayward – Planning Division

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Goal: 18 Weeks City Processing Time ⁽¹⁾



(1) Processing time assumes complete and timely submittals by the applicant. If an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the project, the processing time will be longer.